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SYSTEM )  
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Art Unit: 3761 )  
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SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

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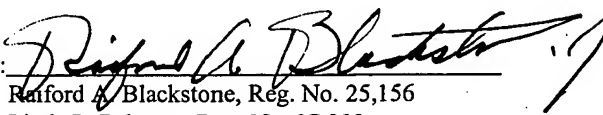
Sir:

On September 24, 2004, Applicants filed a Status Inquiry requesting to be notified of when Applicants might receive an Office Action for the above-identified matter. However, as of the date of this "Second Status Inquiry", no response has been received. Applicants, by and through its attorneys of record, respectfully request a report as to the status of the above-noted application. This application was filed on September 17, 2003 and as of the date of this letter, no Office Action has been received in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to insure that an Office Action has not been misdirected in the mail and, if no Office Action has been forwarded, Applicant requests an estimate as to when it might expect an Office Action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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